

Greetings NM OES Members and friends,

Just this past Saturday the Grand Lodge of New Mexico installed the new Grand Master, MW Brother Gary Baker. In his communication he cited a study by UCLA Professor Albert Mehrabian which showed that connecting goes beyond words:

- What we say accounts for only 7% of what is believed
- The way we say it accounts for 38%
- What others see accounts for 55%

So more than **90%** of the impression we often convey has nothing to do with what we actually say.

I thought this was interesting and something to think about how we interpret what is said and what we hear.

Your elected Grand Officers are meeting every week via Zoom to discuss what has happened, what we can do, and try to anticipate what is next. To that end we discuss how and when we might be having meetings again. In my phone conversation with the Grand Master he is planning to follow the guidelines of our governor and open the lodges when it is deemed safe and with sufficient numbers to allow the members who want to come to do so. Currently the number is five (5) which is not sufficient to open lodge or chapter meetings. Within the next week that may change but until it does, they will remain closed. He will be basing his decision on what number is sufficient for most of the members who want to meet to have that opportunity. There may also be a short delay after that decision has been made to allow for any negative changes that may occur. Please know that I will stay in touch with him and when he decides, I will let you know.

I know that there is conversation, and some concern, and members would like to know if Grand Chapter will be meeting this year. We hope to have an updated planning meeting with the Pyramid Hotel in the next week or two. A decision about whether we have Grand Chapter this year will be announced no later than August 15 th . This will give chapters a chance to meet, elect and install new officers if we are going forward.

I hope you will trust me when I say that I will let you know as soon as I know. We must be patient, stay in contact with each other, and trust those that are making decision are doing so for what is best for us and our health. If you have questions or concerns or just want to talk please give me a call. I am never too busy to answer questions or just visit! "The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles."

Love you all,
Pam
WGM

